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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICIAL

1. JOHN GARSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, PLANS STOP IN BRUSSELS MARCH 25 ENROUTE PARIS FOR OECD WORKING PARTY MEETINGS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES. GARSON PLANS MEET WITH DENNIS THOMPSON OF EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR COMPETITION TO DISCUSS AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN IN ANTI-TRUST FIELD.

2. GARSON ALSO BELIEVES A BRIEF MEETING WITH SPIRO OR OTHER US MISSION OFFICER WOULD BE USEFUL IF TIME PERMITS. TIME OF THOMPSON MEETING NOT YET FIXED, BUT GARSON'S TIME COMPLETELY AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10:30 AM ETA (SABENA 602) AND 7:10 PM ETD (AIR FRANCE 927).

3. PLEASE INFORM THOMPSON OF GARSON'S PLANS, AND NOTIFY EUR/RPE (MEIMA) BY TELEPHONE BEFORE COB MARCH 22 WASHINGTON TIME OF SUGGESTED SCHEDULE INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH MISSION OFFICER, THOMPSON AND ANY OTHER DIRECTORATE GENERAL OFFICIALS HE SUGGESTS. KISSINGER

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